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SUBJECT: POLITICAL PARTIES COMPLETE CANDIDATES' SLATES

1. SUMMARY. PASOK, UNITED LEFT, AND NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION PUBLISHED SLATES OCTOBER 24 COMPLETING INITIAL LISTS FOR PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 17. PAPANDREOU ADDRESSED RALLY IN CORFU WHERE HE SCORED HIS FORMER PARTY CENTER UNION FOR COOPERATING WITH CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT WHILE OTHER PARTY LEADERS MADE PREPARATIONS FOR POLITICAL STUMPING IN PROVINCES THIS WEEKEND. PRESS FOCUSED ON PARTY REACTIONS TO DETENTION OF PAPADOPOULOS AND OTHERS AND REPLAYED CU/NF CHAIRMAN GEORGE MAVORS' EARLIER PRESS CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. PAN-HELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT, PASOK, ANNOUNCED 152 CANDIDATES OUT OF 300 TOTAL IN 38 ELECTORAL DISTRICTS. EXCEPTING SOME TWELVE FORMER DEPUTIES, CELEBRITY MELINA MERCOURI AND BROTHER, AND FEW PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, MANY CANDIDATES ARE UNKNOWN AND ENTERING POLITICS FOR FIRST TIME. UNITED LEFT ALSO DISCLOSED ITS SLATES OCTOBER 24 ANNOUNCING CANDIDACIES OF 237 PROSPECTIVE DEPUTIES FOR ALL DISTRICTS. PREVIOUS DAY PETROS GAROUFALIAS' NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION,  
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EDE, PUBLISHED INITIAL SLATE OF EIGHTEEN DISTRICTS WITH

FORTY-SEVEN CANDIDATES AND FOLLOWED OCTOBER 25 WITH SEVEN ADDITIONAL DISTRICTS, INCLUDING THOSE FOUR ENCOMPASSING ATHENS AND PIRAEUS, WITH ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES TOTALLING 121. INCOMPLETE SLATES OF PASOK AND EDE REFLECT THEIR ASSUMED INTENTIONS OF CONCENTRATING EFFORTS IN AREAS WHERE THEY ANTICIPATE GREATEST VOTER APPEAL. FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITED RECRUITING TIME WERE CLEARLY FURTHER OBSTACLES TO PRODUCING FULL SLATES. EDE CANDIDATES INCLUDE NUMBER OF FORMER NOMARCHS AND MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF MILITARY REGIME PERIOD. NEW DEMOCRACY, CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES AND UNITED LEFT ARE IN PROCESS COMPLETING SLATES OF FULL 300 CANDIDATES, INCLUDING 12 NATIONAL DEPUTIES. PRESS ACCOUNT CONJECTURED NEW DEMOCRACY'S NATIONAL DEPUTIES MIGHT INCLUDE FORMER MINISTER OF CULTURE AND CLOSE FRIEND OF CARAMANLIS, PROFESSOR C. TSATSOS, LEGAL ADVISOR OF UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT, CONSTANTINE STAVROPOULOS, ACTING PRESIDENT OF STATE COUNCIL, MICHAEL STASINOPOULOS AND CURRENT DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COORDINATION, S. DEVLETGLOU. (NOTE: NATIONAL DEPUTIES ARE APPOINTED BY PARTY OFFICIALS IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO NATIONWIDE TOTAL VOTE EACH PARTY RECEIVES.)

3. PRO-PAPANDREOU PRESS ESTIMATED CROWD AT ANDREAS PAPANDREOU'S CORFU RALLY AT AROUND 15,000. OTHER OBSERVERS ASSESSED GATHERING AT LESS THAN 5,000 AND UNIMPRESSIVE. ASIDE FROM HANDFUL OF HARDCORE YOUTHFUL SUPPORTERS CHANTING "ANDREAS SAVE GREECE" PAPANDREOU'S RALLY WAS RATED AS ROUTINE AFFAIR COMPARABLE TO HIS RECEPTION PREVIOUS WEEK IN PATRS. PAPANDREOU'S ADDRESS WAS REPORTED WIDELY IN ATHENS PRESS WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON SECTIONS CENSORING CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES FOR COLLABORATING WITH GOG IN PRODUCING ELECTORAL LAW WHICH DISTORTS POPULAR VOTE AND FOR PARTICIPATING IN CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT. ISSUE OF POST-ELECTION COLLABORATION BETWEEN CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES AND NEW DEMOCRACY CONTINUES TO INTRUDE POLITICAL COMMENTATORS DESPITE CU/NF CHAIRMAN MAVROS' REMARKS TO PRESS CORPS OCTOBER 23

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EXCLUDING SUCH COOPERATION AND OPPOSING AN EXPANSION OF EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY ALONG GAULLIST LINES AS PRESUMABLY PREFERRED BY PM CARAMANLIS.

4. AT SAME PRESS MEETING, MAVROS WAS OVERSHADOWED BY NF CANDIDATES JOHN PESMAZOGLOU AND GEORGE MANGAKIS WHO SPEARHEADED CLAMOR FOR FULL PUBLIC EXPOSURE OF EVIDENCE SURROUNDING PAPADOPOULOS' ARREST. PAPANDREOU PERSISTED

IN STANDARD LINE THAT JUNTA MEMBERS SHOULD BE PUNISHED  
WHILE RIGHTIST GAROUFALIAS YESTERDAY CHARGED THAT IF  
JUNTA LEADERS ARE GUILTY OF ACTS AGAINST STATE, EX-  
MILITARY OFFICERS SHOULD BE PROPERLY INDICTED AND TRIED;  
OTHERWISE DEPORTATION TO KEA MUST BE CONSIDERED PRE-  
ELECTORAL TRICK. ILIAS ILIOU FROM EDA LIMITED HIS REMARKS  
TO REITERATION THAT JUNTA MACHINERY SHOULD BE DISMANTLED.  
OTHER POLITICAL  
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY OF EX-CENTER  
UNION STALWART A. SPANORRIGAS AS INDEPENDENT FROM  
CORINTH, AND UPBEAT CAMPAIGN INAUGURATION OF  
N. VENIZELOS RUNNING ON CU/NF TICKET FROM CHANIA,  
CRETE. NUMEROUS EVENING GATHERINGS AT HOMES AND  
POLITICAL OFFICES OF CANDIDATES ARE TAKING PLACE  
DAILY, AS ARE MINI-RALLIES IN CITY SUBURBS AND PROVINCES.  
PARTY LEADERS VENTURING OVER WEEKEND INTO HUSTINGS-  
MAVROS IN IOANNINA,PAPANDREOU IN CRETE AND CARAMANLIS  
IN THESSALONIKI -- COMPLETE FULL LAUNCHING OF  
SEASON OF HIGH POLITICS.  
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